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In re application of:

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FACILITATING  
ELECTRONIC COMMERCE THROUGH INTERNET AUCTIONS

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the office action mailed December 12, 2000, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 11, 14, 16, 18, 20, 21, 33, 35, 40, 43, 49, 51-55, 133, 145 and 146 as follows:

11. (TWICE AMENDED) A computer-implemented method for conducting auctions on the internet, the method comprising:  
receiving at a communication handler program executing on a host computer information from a seller [first participant] corresponding to an item for auction, the information received from the seller [first participant] including (i) a designation of a category,